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- Employee Training Records.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
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November 17, 2011

Captain David Smith
Homicide Bureau
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
5747 Rickenbacker Road
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RE: J.S.I.D. # 11-0122
L.A.S.D. URN # 011-00534-0777-013

Dear Captain Smith:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the February 18, 2011, fatal shooting of Stephen Bullock by Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD) Deputy Jonathan Lested. It is our conclusion Deputy Lested acted in lawful self-defense.

The following analysis is based upon investigation reports, photographic evidence, and witness statements taken during the investigation by the LASD and submitted to this office by Homicide Bureau Detective Gary Sica.

The District Attorney Command Center was notified at 1:15 a.m., on February 19, 2011. The District Attorney Response team, comprised of Deputy District Attorney Alfred Coletta and District Attorney Senior Investigator [redacted], responded to the location. They were given a briefing of the circumstances surrounding the shooting and a "walk-through" on the scene. Deputy Lested's voluntary statement was considered in this analysis.

FACTUAL ANALYSIS

On February 18, 2011, at approximately 11:30 p.m., LASD Deputies Alejandro Covian and Jonathan Lested were on duty and traveling northbound Lake Avenue approaching Woodbury Road when they activated their emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle they attempted to stop for traffic violations was a Ford Thunderbird containing two occupants. The vehicle failed to stop and continued driving northbound Lake Avenue. Eventually, the vehicle drove into an Arco AM/PM gas station located at the corner of Lake Avenue and New York Drive. As soon as the vehicle stopped just past the gas pump lanes, the front passenger ran from the vehicle in a northeasterly direction onto New York Avenue. Deputy Covian approached the driver at gunpoint (later identified as [redacted] while Deputy Lested immediately ran after the passenger (later identified as Stephen Bullock).

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Deputy Lested chased Bullock east on New York Drive and never lost sight of him.[1] Bullock then entered the front yard of a residence on the south side of New York Drive.[2] Lested was within ten feet of Bullock and continually ordered Bullock to stop. As Bullock turned and ran back towards Lested, he was able to grab hold of Bullock's left shoulder, but Bullock swung at him. Lested responded by striking Bullock's lower back with his flashlight, but to no apparent effect.

Bullock kept swinging at Lested attempting to get Lested off balance, but Lested struck back at Bullock's head with the flashlight several times, again to no effect.[3] Lested lost his grip on the flashlight and became fearful of his struggle with Bullock who was still resisting. Lested grabbed hold of Bullock's shoulders and kicked Bullock two times in the groin in order to stop the attack, but the kicks had no effect on Bullock. Bullock said, "just let me go" and then attempted to kick Lested in the groin. Lested was able to knock Bullock off balance and fell on top of him. While on top of Bullock, Lested used his entire body to keep Bullock on his back. Lested also used his head to apply pressure on Bullock's chest to keep Bullock down. While in this position Lested thought Bullock let go of him, but instead saw Bullock use his left hand and attempt to reach into his left pants pocket.[4] At this moment Lested saw the rear slide area of a silver semiautomatic handgun as Bullock attempted to withdraw the handgun.

Lested feared Bullock was about to shoot him so he grabbed Bullock's left wrist with his right hand and pinned it down by shifting his body weight and using his right knee to control Bullock. Lested then used his left hand, grabbed his service weapon, thrust it against the right side of Bullock's head, and fired one time into Bullock's head.[5] This incapacitated Bullock and caused him to roll over onto his left side with the silver handgun beneath him in his left hand.[6]

A post mortem examination was performed on February 20, 2011, by Doctor Raffi Djabourian, Deputy Medical Examiner. Dr. Djabourian ascribed death to a single gunshot wound to the head. Blood specimens were collected from Bullock during the autopsy and submitted to the laboratory for a comprehensive screen. The laboratory test results revealed large amounts of alcohol and opiates in Bullock's blood.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

California law permits the use of deadly force in self-defense and defense of another person if it reasonably appears to the person claiming the right of self-defense that he actually and reasonably

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[1] Deputy Covian held the driver [redacted] at gunpoint (not knowing if [redacted] would arm himself) and did not pursue to assist his partner. However, Covian called for emergency backup.
[2] The residence was located approximately [redacted] yards east of the Arco AM/PM gas station.
[3] Lested thought Bullock may have been under the influence of phencyclidine (PCP) because Bullock appeared impervious to pain.
[4] At this moment Bullock said angrily, "Oh, okay. It's on now!"
[5] Lested's departmental approved handgun was a semiautomatic 9mm pistol, Sig Sauer, model P226.
[6] Bullock's weapon was a silver colored Smith & Wesson 9mm semiautomatic pistol, model 659 which contained a total of thirteen 9mm rounds (including one round in the chamber).



believed that he or another person was in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. (*People v. Williams* (1977) 75 Cal. App. 3d 731.)

In protecting himself or another person, a person may use all force which he believes reasonably necessary and which would appear to a reasonable person, in the same or similar circumstances, to be necessary to prevent the injury which appears to be imminent. (*California Criminal Jury Instruction 3470.*)

Where the peril is swift and imminent and the necessity for action immediate, the law does not weigh into nice scales the conduct of the assailed and say he shall not be justified in killing because he might have resorted to some other means to secure his safety. (*People v. Collins* (1961) 189 Cal. App. 2d 575.)

CONCLUSION

The evidence examines shows that Deputies Alejandro Covian and Jonathan Lested were conducting a routine traffic stop when Bullocks bolted from the vehicle and attempted to flee. Deputy Lested pursued Bullock by running after him and into the front yard of a private residence. Bullock refused to comply with commands to stop and fought aggressively with Deputy Lested. Bullock reached into his left front pants pocket and retrieved a handgun. Deputy Lested, in fear for his life, fired his service weapon at Bullock.

We conclude that Deputy Jonathan Lested acted in lawful self-defense. We are closing our file and will take no further action in this matter.

Very truly yours,

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

By Alfred A. Coletta

ALFRED A. COLETTA
Deputy District Attorney
(213) 974-3888

c: Deputy Jonathan Lested, Serial #[redacted]



County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
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Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

March 16, 2013

Deputy Jonathan Lested, #[redacted]

Dear Deputy Lested:

On September 29, 2012, you were served with a Letter of Intention, indicating your right to respond to the Sheriff's Department's pending disciplinary action against you, as reported under IAB File Number 2320599. You were also advised of your right to review the material on which the discipline was based.

You are hereby notified that pursuant to an Education-Based Discipline (EBD) Agreement between you and this Department dated February 14, 2013, you are suspended without pay from your position of Deputy Sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with this Department for a period of five (5) days. However, pursuant to the EBD agreement, the five (5) days will be held in abeyance for a period of twelve (12) months which will end on February 13, 2014. All Department records will reflect, nevertheless, that you received a five (5) day suspension. In accordance with the EBD Agreement, you have agreed to participate in an education-based alternative to discipline. Should you fail to complete any of the terms and conditions of the EBD Agreement, the five (5) days held in abeyance will be imposed.

An investigation under File Number IAB 2320599, conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau, coupled with your own statements, has established the following:

1. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Section 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards; and/or 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders, specifically pertaining to 5-06/105.00, Tactical Incidents, on or about February 18, 2011, you failed to properly perform your duties in a manner which will tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions

and objectives of the Department and/or failed to conform to work standards established for your position, as evidenced by but not limited to:

a) unnecessarily putting yourself, and/or your partner in an unsafe position by failing to adequately coordinate with him (your partner), and/or;

b) failing to remain with your partner and instead engaged in a foot pursuit of a suspect by yourself.

Additional facts and grounds for this decision are set forth in the Disposition Worksheet, Investigative Summary and Investigative Packet which are incorporated herein by reference.

Prior to imposing this disciplinary action, I have thoroughly reviewed the incident and your record with this Department.

You will hereby take notice that any future acts of misconduct may result in more severe disciplinary action.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Original Signed

John S. Benedict, Captain
Commander, Altadena Station

Note: Attached for your convenience are excerpts of the applicable areas of the Manual of Policy and Procedures.

JSB:AEA:md

c: Advocacy Unit
Jacques A. La Berge, Chief, Field Operations Region I
Internal Affairs Bureau
Personnel Administration
Office of Independent Review (OIR)
Altadena Station/unit Personnel File



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January 15, 2013

Certified Mail No. 7011 1570 0001 0640 6603

Deputy Jonathan Lested
[redacted]

Dear Deputy Lested,

This letter is to inform you that the Sheriff's Department has rendered its decision on the grievance you submitted on October 4, 2012, regarding a proposed five (5) day suspension under IAB case number 2320599. Employee Relations received the recommendation from the Review Board hearing on January 9, 2013. Consistent with the provisions of your Memorandum of Understanding, the Review Board's recommendation was directed to the Assistant Sheriff's Office for final review and approval.

After due consideration, the Sheriff's Department has determined that the charges alleged in the Letter of Intent are founded and the five (5) day suspension is appropriate. As a result, your grievance is denied and the settlement you desired shall not be granted.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Rod Kusch, A/Captain
Bureau of Labor Relations and Compliance

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into between the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, hereinafter referred to as "Department," and Deputy Jonathan Lested, Employee No. [redacted] hereinafter referred to as "Grievant."

The Department and Grievant are parties to this dispute and desire to settle all issues involved in IAB No. 2320599 upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department and Grievant for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, agree as follows:

1. Both parties agree that the five (5) day suspension shall stand.

2. The Department will, upon execution of this Settlement Agreement, hold the five (5) days in abeyance pending completion of the below listed training.

3. Both parties agree and understand that Grievant's records will reflect that the five (5) day suspension was imposed and may be used for the purposes of demonstrating "progressive discipline." In addition after consultation with the Force Review Committee and Region I Headquarters, the findings in this matter, related to tactical decisions, would not classify as a disqualifying action for purpose of promotion or appointment to a coveted position.

4. Grievant agrees to attend and complete the below listed EBD courses and understands that failure to complete **all** of the courses and assignments shall result in the imposition of the five (5) days held in abeyance:

- Lieutenant's Interactive Forum for Education (LIFE) class (8 hours)
- Professional Development (Ethical Decision Making) class (8 hours)
- Dealing with Difficult People class (4 hours)
- Write an EBD evaluation reflecting on your experience with the EBD process

5. The Department may adjust Grievant's schedule to participate in EBD courses and EBD items, as EBD is conducted on-duty.

6. Grievant agrees to cooperate with his Unit Commander to complete the courses as soon as practicable, but no longer than one (1) year from the date of execution of this EBD Agreement.

7. The Grievant agrees to withdraw his grievance. Grievant further agrees to waive any and all further administrative or judicial remedies with respect to the Letter of Imposition and the modified discipline, and also waives any administrative or judicial remedies with respect to any imposition pursuant to paragraph three (3), above. This waiver shall include, but not be limited to, appeals to the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission and/or the Los Angeles County Employee Relations Commission.

8. The parties further agree that this EBD Agreement shall not be considered, cited, or used in future disputes as establishing past precedent or past employment practice.

9. In consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, Grievant agrees to fully release, acquit and forever discharge the County, and all present and former officers, employees and agents of the County, and their heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives from any and all liability whatsoever for any and all claims arising out of or connected with the employment relationship between the County and Grievant concerning the subject matter referred to herein.

10. Grievant further agrees to relinquish and expressly waives all rights conferred upon him by the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542, which reads as follows:

> *"A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."*

11. The date of the last signature placed hereon shall hereinafter be known as the "date of execution" and the "effective date" of this EBD Agreement.

12. The parties agree that the foregoing comprises the entire EBD Agreement between the parties and that there have been no other promises made by any party. Any modification of this EBD Agreement must be in writing.

I have read the foregoing EBD Agreement, and I accept and agree to the provisions contained therein and hereby execute it voluntarily and with full understanding of its consequences.

Date: 02-14-13

Jonathan Lested, Deputy

Date: 02/14/13

Duane D. Allen, A/Captain
Altadena Station



Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

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September 29, 2012

Deputy Jonathan Lested, #[redacted]

Dear Deputy Lested:

You are hereby notified that it is the intention of the Sheriff's Department to suspend you without pay from your position of Deputy Sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with this Department for a period of five (5) days.

An investigation under IAB File Number IV2320599, conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau, coupled with your own statements, has established the following:

1. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Section 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards; and/or 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders, specifically pertaining to 5-06/105.00, Tactical Incidents, on or about February 18, 2011, you failed to properly perform your duties in a manner which will tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department and/or failed to conform to work standards established for your position, as evidenced by but not limited to:

    a) unnecessarily putting yourself, and/or your partner in an unsafe position by failing to adequately coordinate with him (your partner), and/or;

    b) failing to remain with your partner and instead engaged in a foot pursuit of a suspect by yourself.

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Additional facts and grounds for this decision are set forth in the Disposition Worksheet, Investigative Summary and Investigative Packet which are incorporated herein by reference.

Prior to determining this disciplinary action, I have thoroughly reviewed the incident and your record with this Department.

You have the right to grieve this disciplinary action within ten (10) business days of receipt of this letter. Your grievance procedures may be found in your classification's negotiated Memorandum of Understanding.

Failure to respond to this Letter of Intent within ten (10) business days will be considered a waiver of your right to grieve and will result in the imposition of this discipline indicated herein.

At the time of service of this letter of intent, you were provided with a copy of the material on which the discipline is based. If you are unable to access the information provided in the enclosed CD, you may contact Jacqueline Powell, of Internal Affairs Bureau, at (323) 890-5311, and arrange an appointment for assistance in this regard.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Original Signed

Duane D. Allen, A/Captain
Commander, Altadena Station

DDA:JHC:jp

c: Advocacy Unit
Employee Relations Unit
Jacques A. La Berge, Chief, Field Operations Region I
Internal Affairs Bureau
Office of Independent Review (OIR)
(File # IAB 2320599)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: September 17, 2012

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO. IV2320599
SH2282797

FROM: MICHAEL J. ROTHANS, COMMANDER
FIELD OPERATIONS REGION III

TO: JOHN H. CLARK, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS USE OF FORCE**

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the Review Committee's findings and recommendations concerning the force incident which occurred on February 18, 2011.

The Committee met on September 13, 2012, and consisted of Commander David Fender, Custody Operations Division, Commander Buddy Goldman, Field Operations Region I, and myself.

The Committee deemed:

- as Founded the allegation that Deputy Jonathan Lested, #[redacted] in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures, Section 3-01/050.10 **(Performance to Standards)**; and/or 3-01/030.10 **(Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Order)**, specifically pertaining to 5-06/105.00 **(Tactical Incidents),** on or about February 18,2011, Deputy Lested failed to properly perform his duties and/or failed to perform his duties in a manner which would tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department and/or failed to conform to work standards established for his position, as evidenced by but not limited to:

  a) Unnecessarily putting himself, and/or his partner in an unsafe position by failing to adequately coordinate with him (partner), and/or;

  b) Failing to remain with his partner and instead engaged in a foot pursuit of a suspect by himself.

The Committee recommended that Deputy Jonathan Lested, #[redacted] receive a **five (5) day Suspension**.

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DISPOSITION WORKSHEET

Re: IAB IV 2320599
Subject: Lested, Jonathan #[redacted]
Investigator:
Advocate: Ara Hatamian, Advocate

SUMMARY:
(Insert here)

DISPOSITION OF CHARGES

The following potential charges were prepared by the Advocacy Unit. Please indicate your disposition of the potential charges, and put any additional sustained charges (with reference to the investigation) on attached sheet(s).

Potential Charge(s):

That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures, Section 3-01/050.10 **(Performance to Standards)**; and/or 3-01/030.10 **(Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Order)**, specifically pertaining to 5-06/105.00 **(Tactical Incidents),** on or about February 18,2011, you failed to properly perform your duties and/or failed to perform your duties in a manner which will tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department and/or failed to conform to work standards established for your position, as evidenced by but not limited to:

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Evidence Reference:

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Defenses/Conflicting Evidence:

____

Disposition:

__X__ **Charge founded as delineated**
_____ **Charge founded as modified**
_____ **Charge unresolved**
_____ **Charge unfounded**

Discipline Assessment

Review of Applicable Guidelines for discipline Section:

The Department's Guidelines for Discipline (Revised December 14, 2009) lists the following Analogous misconduct with associated disciplinary penalties:

Conduct	Standard Discipline
Performance to Standards	W/R to Discharge
Obedience to Rules, Laws and Orders	W/R to Discharge

Determination of Discipline:

Based upon the attached assessment of mitigating and aggravating factors, the following discipline has been determined to be appropriate. This discipline is subject to revision upon receipt of the subject's response of grievance.

_____ **Discharge**
_____ **Reduction in Rank**
_X__ **Suspension with loss of pay and benefits for _5_ days**
____ **Written Reprimand**
_____ **No discipline**

Assessment of Mitigating and Aggravating Factors:

The following describe the mitigating and aggravating factors in the determining the discipline in this investigation. Those factors include:

Intent
Past Performance
Degree of Culpability
Truthfulness
Severity of Infraction
Acceptance of Responsibility

Disciplinary History Other Factors

Management has considered the subject's performance, which is documented in the Subject's Department personnel file, and those documents not contained in that file which are attached to the disposition worksheet.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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DATE: September 17, 2012
FILE NO:

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: MICHAEL J. ROTHANS, COMMANDER
FIELD OPERATIONS REGION III

TO: JOHN H. CLARK, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

Case Number:	SH2282797/IV2320599
Incident:	Hit Shooting
Incident Date:	February 18, 2011
Unit:	Altadena Station / FOR I
Suspects:	Stephen Bullock, M/33
Involved Employees:	Deputy Jonathan Lested, #[redacted] Deputy Alejandro Covian, #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	September 13, 2012

The Executive Force Review Committee consisting of Commander Michael Rothans, Commander Buddy Goldman, and Commander David Fender met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:
The Committee determined the force used by Deputy Lested was objectively reasonable and in compliance with Department Policy. The Committee also determined the tactics used by Deputy Covian were within the Department's training standards. The tactics used by Deputy Lested are addressed under separate cover memorandum.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Committee recommended that Deputy Lested attend the eight hour Tactics and Survival training, class 1, and the four hour Arrest and Control for Field Operations training.

In addition, the Committee recommended the unit commander, Captain John S. Benedict, conduct a tactical debriefing with Deputy Lested and Deputy Covian regarding the unique circumstances of this incident, and commend Deputy Covian for having the presence of mind to stay with the driver in the suspect vehicle.

Lastly, the Committee recommended Deputy Lested conduct a presentation regarding the unique circumstances of this incident at station briefings, a future patrol school class, and a tactical debriefing with the staff at Laser Village.

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☒
February 19, 2011	Altadena Station		

Incident Information

URN: 011-00534-0777-013	Date: February 18, 2011 Time: 2327
City or Station: Altadena Station	Nature of Incident: Fatal 998 at the end of a foot pursuit. Suspect deceased, firearm located at scene. Deputy not injured.
Location [redacted]E. New York Drive, Altadena	

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, **Residence** (circled), Rural, School, Street
Other: Front yard

Lighting (*circle only one*): **Darkness** (circled), Daylight, Other, Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*): Clear, **Cloudy** (circled), Fog, Rain

Distance: Close range

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, **Armed Person** (circled), **Fleeing Suspect** (circled), **Foot Pursuit** (circled), Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, **Struggle Involved** (circled), **Traffic Stop** (circled), Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, Warrant Service, Warning Shot
Other:

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, Call, **Observation** (circled), One Person Unit, Other, Search Warrant, **Two Person Unit** (circled)

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): Detective, Inmate Transport, Other, **Routine Patrol** (circled)

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
1	None

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
[redacted]	Covian	Alejandro	Jr.	**EM** (circled) PM Day	**Regular** (circled) Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	Arballo	Carmen	A.	**On Duty** (circled), Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting
				On Duty, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Gonzales	Cynthia	A.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Jacobs	Marjory	L.

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Officer Involved Shooting

URN: 011-00534-0777-013

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
February 19, 2011	0130	February 22, 2011	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	Vaughan	Steven	D.
[redacted]	Ramirez	Jack	H.
[redacted]	Reynolds	Frederick	D.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	UC					NN	
S#1	E#1	RS					AB	LE
S#1	E#1	PH					NN	
S#1	E#1	FH	SW	9			NN	
S#1	E#1	PP					NN	
S#1	E#1	PK					NN	GR
E#1	S#1	FH	ZZ	9	Y	Y	DH	HE
E#1	S#1	CT			Y		NN	
E#1	S#1	PK			Y		NN	GR
E#1	S#1	FL			Y		NN	BK
E#1	S#1	FL			Y		LC	HE
E#1	S#1	PO			Y		NN	HE

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 011-00534-0777-013

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted] | Last Name: Lested | First Name: Jonathan | M.I.: A.

Sex: M | Race: W | Rank: Deputy Sheriff | Unit Assignment: Altadena Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit #73

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): (EM circled) PM Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular circled) Overtime Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case #: | Interviewed? ☒

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6.5 | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] | Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, (Uniform w/ Vest circled) | Other Factors:

Age: [redacted] | Height: 6-00 | Weight: 190 lbs

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date: [redacted]

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: Sig Sauer | Caliber: 9mm | # Shots: 1 | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I.

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I.

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☐

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ | Patrol Certification? ☐ | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? ☐ | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: ☐

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☐

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ | Patrol Certification? ☐ | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? ☐ | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: ☐

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Bullock	First Name: Stephen	M.I.:
AKA Last Name: Noriega	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: M Race: Black	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 33 D.O.B. 08/17/1977	Height: 5'11 Weight: 195	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [X]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [X]	Substance Used: Alcohol, codeine, promethazine
Armed? [X]	Apprehended? [X]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: Ford		Model: Thunderbird	Year: 1994

S__

Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
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Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
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Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY INVOLVED HIT SHOOTING
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

UNIT: Altadena Sheriff's Station
DATE: February 18, 2011, 2325 Hours, Friday
LOCATION: [redacted] East New York Drive, Altadena, CA 91001
URN# 011-00534-0777-013
IAB# SH2282797

OPENING STATEMENT:

On February 19, 2011, IAB Investigators Sergeant Frederick Reynolds, #[redacted] Sergeant Jack Ramirez, #[redacted] and Lieutenant Stephen Vaughan, #[redacted] responded to the Altadena Sheriff's Station Command Post in regard to a Deputy Involved Hit-Shooting at [redacted] East New York Drive, Altadena. IAB investigators, representatives from the District Attorney's Office, and Angelica Arias from the Office of Independent Review were given a briefing and subsequent walk-through of the scene by Homicide Lieutenant John Corina #[redacted].

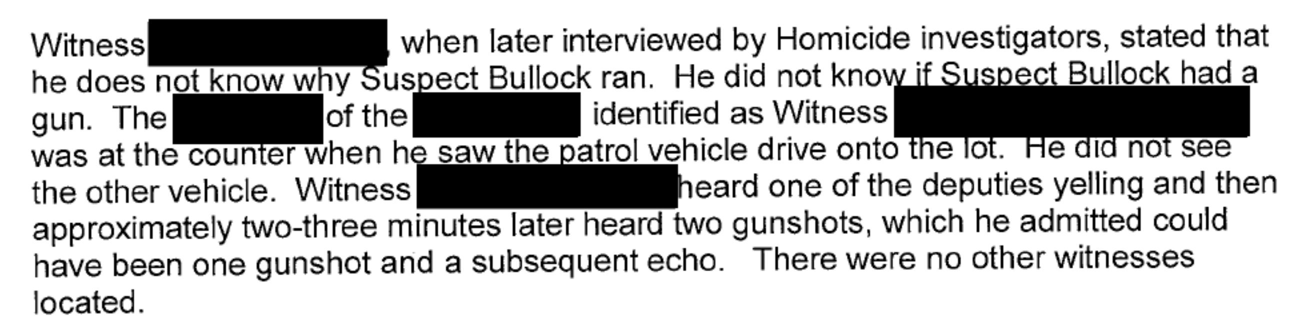
SYNOPSIS:

On February 18, 2011, at approximately 2325 Hours, Deputy Jonathan Lested, #[redacted] and his partner Deputy Alejandro Covian Jr., #[redacted] Unit 73E, were driving north on Lake Avenue when they observed a gold Ford Thunderbird. The vehicle was parked in front of the liquor store located at 1392 North Lake Avenue, Altadena, with its lights out. Suspect Stephen Bullock exited the store and got into the front passenger seat. When Deputies Lested and Covian pulled behind the vehicle, they saw that the license plate lamp was not working. The deputies activated their overhead emergency lights to conduct a traffic stop. As the vehicle slowed to stop, the driver, later identified as [redacted] and Suspect Bullock engaged in what appeared to be a heated discussion. The vehicle continued slowly driving along the east curb line of Lake Avenue before turning into the AM/PM gas station located at 1880 North Lake Avenue, approximately five blocks from the liquor store. Witness [redacted] pulled close to the gas pumps and slowed down but continued to move forward before finally stopping. The front passenger door suddenly opened and Suspect Bullock ran from the vehicle. Deputy Lested exited the passenger side of the patrol car and chased him.

Suspect Bullock ran across the parking lot and east onto the south sidewalk of New York Drive. He was running in a manner which suggested that he was possibly armed with a weapon; he was holding his arms close to his body instead of swinging them in a natural running motion. Additionally, members of the Altadena gang unit had briefed patrol personnel regarding a recent increase in shootings between the Altadena Block Crip (ABC) and Pasadena Denver Lane Blood (PDL) gangs. The area where Suspect Bullock and Witness [redacted] were initially seen is claimed as territory by members of PDL gang.

Suspect Bullock ran into the front yard of [redacted] East New York Drive where Deputy Lested eventually caught him. The foot pursuit distance was approximately 100 yards from the point where the suspect vehicle stopped to the front yard of the residence. As he tried to detain Suspect Bullock, he started struggling and fighting with Deputy Lested in an attempt to get away. Suspect Bullock kicked towards Deputy Lested's groin area at which time Deputy Lested kicked Suspect Bullock twice in his groin. The kicks were ineffective. He then struck Suspect Bullock several times on the back with his flashlight, but the blows were ineffective. In fear for his life and believing Suspect Bullock was armed, Deputy Lested struck Suspect Bullock in the head with his flashlight.

This blow was also ineffective, but Deputy Lested was able to push Suspect Bullock backward to the ground. Suspect Bullock was now lying on his back with Deputy Lested on top of him. Deputy Lested was having trouble holding onto Suspect Bullock because the ground was wet and slippery due to the rain. Deputy Lested head-butted Suspect Bullock, which infuriated him. Suspect Bullock stated, *"It's on then."* He then reached into the area of his left waist/pants pocket and grabbed a silver colored handgun. Fearing that he was about to be killed, Deputy Lested drew his own handgun and shot Suspect Bullock once in the right side of the head.



Witness [redacted], when later interviewed by Homicide investigators, stated that he does not know why Suspect Bullock ran. He did not know if Suspect Bullock had a gun. The [redacted] of the [redacted] identified as Witness [redacted] was at the counter when he saw the patrol vehicle drive onto the lot. He did not see the other vehicle. Witness [redacted] heard one of the deputies yelling and then approximately two-three minutes later heard two gunshots, which he admitted could have been one gunshot and a subsequent echo. There were no other witnesses located.

The Deputy Involved Hit Shooting incident was investigated and documented by Homicide detectives. For more information, see the Homicide Investigation Book **[Exhibit "A"]**.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

The following review is based on written documentation, interviews of witnesses, involved deputies, and medical staff.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

LESTED, Jonathan, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Altadena Sheriff's Station,
Field Operations Region I

EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

Date of Employment:	November, 1999
Date assigned to Patrol:	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training:	
Prior Shooting Incidents:	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

SUSPECT:

BULLOCK, Stephen, MB/33 yrs., Deceased (CII #[redacted]

Suspect Bullock's criminal history consists of [redacted]

> **IAB NOTE:** Suspect Bullock was a known "Pasadena Denver Lane Blood" gang member with a moniker of **"Noriega."**

Refer to Exhibit "A", Homicide Book, pages 118 thru 127 for Suspect Bullock's Criminal History, and pages 136 and 137 for his parole status.

INVOLVED DEPUTY WITNESSES:

COVIAN, Alejandro, #[redacted]

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:

None

INJURIES:

Suspect:

Suspect Bullock sustained a gunshot wound to the right side of his head **[Exhibit "F"].** He also sustained a laceration to the top of his head **[Exhibit "G"]** as a result of being struck by the flashlight. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 2338 Hours by Los Angeles County Fire Department Captain Mandzok. **Refer to Exhibit "A", Homicide Book, pages 150 thru 174 for Coroner's report.** The Coroner's toxicology report indicates that Suspect Bullock was under the influence of alcohol. He also had Promethazine and Codeine in his system. **Refer to Exhibit "A", Homicide Book, pages 175 thru 183 for information regarding this drug and its effects.**

> **IAB NOTE:** Promethazine and Codeine is a prescription cough syrup that is currently popular due to its potency and its promotion by "Gangster Rap Artists." It is commonly referred to as **"Purple Drank,"** or **"Sipping Syrup."** When taken in sufficiently high doses, it can lead to sleepiness, altered thoughts, and impaired motor functions.

Deputy Personnel:

Deputy Lested sustained slight abrasions to his lower legs **[Exhibit "H"]**.

WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:

This incident occurred during darkness. The weather was cool, and it was wet and lightly raining at the time of the shooting. The location where the shooting occurred was illuminated by a single light on the porch of the residence located at [redacted] East New York Drive.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

The suspect's gun, a stainless steel 9mm semi-automatic "Smith and Wesson" pistol, Model 659, serial #A[redacted] was recovered at the scene lying next to the left side of Suspect Bullock's body **[Exhibit "I"]**. It was loaded with 13 live 9mm rounds. The weapon was processed for latent prints; none were developed. Refer to **Exhibit "A", Homicide Book, page 45** for chemical processing report.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Deputy Jonathan Lested
Service Weapon- Sig Sauer Model P-226, 9mm Semi-Automatic pistol, (Serial #U[redacted].
Type of Ammunition- WIN 9 mm Luger.
Ammunition- One round fired and 17 WIN 9 mm Luger rounds in the magazine with one in the chamber.
Shell Casings- One WIN 9 mm Luger shell casing was located at the scene.
Date Employee Last Qualified: (Mobile Range):[redacted]
Date Last Trained With Weapon:[redacted]

Both weapons were examined, test fired, and found to be functional by Firearms Examiner Anny Wu, #[redacted]from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department-Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section. **Lab Receipt Numbers: K041899, K293606, and K041897. Refer to Exhibit "A", Homicide Book, Pages #65 and 66.**

INVOLVED DEPUTY'S STATEMENTS:

Deputy Jonathan Lested, Employee #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Investigators on November 9, 2010, at approximately 0310 Hours. A summary of their interview may be found on pages 56 thru 60 of the Homicide Investigation Book, **Exhibit "A".** Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed the audio recording of the interview and found that Homicide's summary of their interview is an accurate account of what was said. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Lested's recorded interviews (Job #33069, 33067) and attached interview transcriptions **[Exhibit "J"]**.

IAB Sergeants Frederick Reynolds and Jeff Hamil conducted a Shooting Review interview on January 26, 2012, at approximately 1555 Hours. The following is a summary of the incident as described by Deputy Lested. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Lested' recorded interview (Job #33997) and attached interview transcription.

Deputy Lested has been on the Department for approximately 12 years. He is currently assigned to Altadena Station. He has worked there for [redacted] years. He is six feet tall and weighs 190 pounds. He is [redacted] On the night of the shooting, he had approximately six and a half hours of sleep prior to coming to work.



Deputy Lested and Deputy Covian had been partners for approximately three months. During that time, they discussed tactics regarding vehicle stops, felony vehicle stops, foot pursuits, vehicle pursuits, and radio procedure. The night of the shooting, the atmosphere in the Altadena Station area was "very tense", due to an ongoing gang war between the ABC gang, who wear the color blue, and the PDL gang, who wear the color red.

On the Saturday prior to this incident, a member of the Altadena Block Crips was murdered by members of the Pasadena Denver Lane Bloods. In the aftermath of the murder, there were at least six shootings between the two gangs. Members of the gang unit had briefed patrol deputies to be on alert when contacting gang members, because there was a strong possibility they were armed with firearms. Additionally, the gangs were now wearing each other's colors in attempts to infiltrate each other's respective territories.

Deputies Lested and Covian's attention was initially drawn to the suspect's vehicle because it was parked with the lights off outside the entrance to a liquor store. At that point, the vehicle was occupied only by the driver. As Deputies Lested and Covian drove by, Suspect Bullock walked out of the store and got inside the vehicle. The liquor store is in the PDL neighborhood and Suspect Bullock was wearing a blue zip-up hooded sweatshirt. The area is known for high narcotic activity and is frequented by gang members. Deputy Lested thought it "odd" that Suspect Bullock was wearing blue in a neighborhood that is predominantly red.

Deputies Lested and Covian drove down the alley behind the store and turned their vehicle lights off so they could further observe the suspect vehicle. Suspect Bullock got into the front passenger seat and the suspect vehicle drove onto Wick Avenue. Deputies Lested and Covian followed the suspect vehicle and Deputy Lested ran the license plate on their MDT. The return was slow, so Deputy Lested ran the plate again. It was hard to see the plate because the license plate lamp was not working. As he continued waiting for the return, the driver of the suspect vehicle turned the lights on but the license plate lamps did not light up.

> **IAB NOTE:** Unit Details for Unit 73E show that on 02/19/11 at 2323 Hours, an inquiry was made by Deputy Lested regarding license #[redacted] The first radio traffic regarding a foot pursuit was broadcast at 2325 Hours. ***The shooting occurred at 2327 Hours.*** A second inquiry on the license plate was made at 2338 Hours by Public Response Dispatcher II Victoria Moffat, #[redacted] see **Homicide Book Exhibit "A", page 6.**

At this point, Deputies Lested and Covian said they activated their vehicle's overhead lights in order to conduct a traffic stop. Witness [redacted] and Suspect Bullock appeared to engage in a *"rather animated"* discussion. It appeared as if one of them wanted to pull over and the other one did not.

The suspect vehicle pulled into the lot of an AM/PM mini-mart gas station. The total distance from Deputies Lested and Covian's initial observation of the suspect vehicle to where it stopped was approximately 5 blocks. Witness [redacted] pulled in toward the pumps and abruptly stopped. The vehicle then lurched forward sharply, stopped, and then lurched forward again until it was just past the pumps. This put Deputies Lested and Covian in a tactical disadvantage because the pumps were now between their vehicle and the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Lested never considered requesting a back-up unit because there were only three units and a sergeant in the field. The field sergeant and one of the units were in the Crescenta Valley area assisting on a 211S (Robbery) radio call, and the third unit had gone to the Crescenta Valley station to book evidence on an unrelated incident. Even though there were essentially no available units for back-up, Deputies Lested and Covian discussed the concerns they had with the suspect as they followed it. When the suspect vehicle turned into the AM/PM mini-mart parking lot, they talked about going "Code 9" on the vehicle. Deputy Lested stated that they never put out the Code 9 broadcast because their sister cars were tied up and the weather being inclement. Deputy Lested indicated that when the weather is poor, it sometimes affects the vehicle MDT's and radio.

The suspect vehicle stopped as it was pulling next to the pumps. Deputies Covian and Lested stopped their vehicle approximately 20 feet behind it. Deputy Lested already had his car door open so that he could exit quickly. He was concerned that the occupants of the suspect vehicle were "possibly setting them up to do something." When the patrol vehicle stopped, he and Deputy Covian exited. Suspect Bullock exited the passenger door of the suspect vehicle and ran.

Deputy Lested was concerned that Suspect Bullock could possibly be armed and use the pumps as cover **[Exhibit "C"]**. Deputy Lested was also concerned that if Suspect Bullock started shooting at them, customers from the AM/PM might be put in harm's way. Deputy Lested decided to preempt the possibility of a shooting by going around the pumps and trying to apprehend Suspect Bullock or keep him in sight.

> **IAB NOTE:** Homicide Investigators Ralph Hernandez #[redacted] and Kevin Lowe #[redacted] viewed the AM/PM mini-mart's security video footage and saw that the suspect vehicle pulled into the parking lot, followed by Deputies Lested and Covian's patrol vehicle at 23:25:25. The overhead emergency lights of the patrol vehicle were activated. Once both vehicles stopped, Deputy Lested immediately exited the patrol vehicle and chased after Suspect Bullock, see **Homicide Book, Exhibit "A", page 42.**

Deputy Lested chased Suspect Bullock because he was concerned about the public and the fact that a potentially armed suspect would be at large. Deputy Lested had his baton with him, but it was in the trunk of his patrol car and there was no time to retrieve it when Suspect Bullock ran.

When Deputy Lested ran after Suspect Bullock, Deputy Covian exited the patrol vehicle. Deputy Lested thought Deputy Covian was running with him. When Deputy Lested caught Suspect Bullock in the front yard, they started fighting. He did not realize that Deputy Covian was not with him until then. Deputy Lested thought Deputy Covian was running with him. He would not have chased Suspect Bullard had he known Deputy Covian was not with him.

Deputy Lested did not consider setting up a containment instead of going in foot pursuit because he wears an earpiece while on patrol. As he chased Suspect Bullock, he heard Deputy Covian on the "patch" putting out what he believed to be foot pursuit radio traffic. This caused Deputy Lested to believe that Deputy Covian was running with him. Deputy Lested had not been chasing Suspect Bullock for long before he heard the radio traffic.

Deputy Lested did not get on the radio because he thought his partner was running behind him and coordinating the pursuit, as he kept an eye on the suspect. Deputy Lested had his flashlight with him. He was carrying it in his right hand, which is his weak hand.

> **IAB NOTE:** Deputy Lested used a photograph **[Exhibit "D"]** taken the night of the incident to illustrate exactly where he was when he heard the radio traffic. He marked an "X" to indicate his position and wrote "1033" to indicate the request for emergency radio traffic.

Suspect Bullock was not sprinting, and as a result he was able to quickly close the distance between them, even with all of the equipment he was wearing. He was unable to see Suspect Bullock's hands as he ran. He was running in an atypical manner; instead of swinging his arms naturally as he ran, he kept them close to his

body. Deputy Lested believes that Suspect Bullock was unable to run faster because of the way he was holding his arms close to his body. The entire time Deputy Lested chased Suspect Bullock, he was yelling at him to stop.

Once in the yard of the residence **[Exhibit "E"]**, Suspect Bullock tripped over a rock on the ground near the walkway leading to the porch. He almost fell down before stumbling around some bushes in the yard. Suspect Bullock regained his balance and by this time, Deputy Lested had closed the gap between them to ten feet. Suspect Bullock ran to a chain-link fence and tried to open the gate but it appeared to be locked. He turned to his left and ran toward the front porch of the residence. Suspect Bullock stumbled once again on wet leaves. Deputy Lested was also having trouble maintaining his balance on the wet leaves and grass. Suspect Bullock tried to run onto the porch, but was unable to do so. At this point, Deputy Lested thought Suspect Bullock might attempt to gain entry into the residence. He was concerned that the incident might evolve into a barricaded suspect or a hostage situation.

Suspect Bullock turned from the porch and tried to run past Deputy Lested back out onto New York Drive. Deputy Lested reached out with his left hand and grabbed the left shoulder area of Suspect Bullock's jacket and ordered him to stop. Suspect Bullock tried to turn around and punch Deputy Lested, while trying to pull free from his grasp.

Deputy Lested's flashlight was the most readily available tool he had, so he struck Suspect Bullock several times on the upper back with it. The blows had no effect. He then struck Suspect Bullock in the head with his flashlight to try and stop him. Deputy Lested was afraid and felt that deadly force was required at the time, because a potentially armed suspect comparable in size to him was fighting with him in a dark yard. He felt that Suspect Bullock would kill him if he got the best of him. The flashlight blow to his head was also ineffective. Deputy Lested and Suspect Bullock ended up on the ground.

Suspect Bullock was positioned on his knees, but his upper torso was folded back onto the ground. Deputy Lested was lying on top of Suspect Bullock. Deputy Lested's head was on his lower stomach area. Deputy Lested kept sliding because it was wet outside and he could not anchor himself. He tried to head-butt Suspect Bullock. This appeared to infuriate Suspect Bullock and he stated, *"Oh, okay. It's on then!"*

As Deputy Lested slid down Suspect Bullock's torso, he looked to his right and saw that Suspect Bullock was using his left hand to remove a handgun from his waistband area. He was unable to tell whether it came from Suspect Bullock's waistband or

pocket because it was very dark in the front yard.

> **IAB NOTE:** A follow-up interview was conducted telephonically with Deputy Lested by IAB Sergeant Frederick Reynolds on February 24, 2012 at 1435 Hours. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Lested's recorded interview (Job #34016). The following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Lested had pepper spray, but not a Taser during the incident. He did not have an opportunity to deploy his pepper spray because he believed Suspect Bullock was armed with a handgun. When Deputy Lested caught Suspect Bullock, they were in a *"dark and confined area."* Deputy Lested was fighting Suspect Bullock and his hands were full. There was no opportunity for him to reach for his pepper spray without relinquishing what little control he had of the suspect. Deputy Lested also felt that due to the close proximity between himself and the suspect, he could have just as easily incapacitated himself had he attempted to deploy pepper spray.

> **IAB NOTE:** A third interview was conducted telephonically with Deputy Lested by IAB Sergeant Frederick Reynolds on March 20, 2012 at 1213 Hours. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Lested's recorded interview (Job #34210). The following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Lested did not use his Taser because he believed that Suspect Bullock was armed with a firearm due to the way he was running. He felt it was tactically unsound to use a Taser against someone armed with a firearm. After he caught Suspect Bullock, they were in a hand-to-hand combat situation prior to Suspect Bullock drawing a firearm from his waistband area. The situation was now life-threatening and a Taser was not a viable option.

During his initial interview, Deputy Lested indicated that he did not have a Taser the night of the incident. After viewing a photograph of himself taken that night depicting him wearing a thigh rig holster for a Taser, he was asked if his recollection of the incident was better during this interview or the initial one. He stated that his memory was no better than the first time. He and his partner both wear leg rigs for a Taser, and he did not recall whether he had the Taser in his holster or whether his partner had it in his holster. Deputy Lested was asked to explain the Department's foot pursuit policy. He stated, *"We're not supposed to split. Two-man -- two-man pursuit, in a two-man car, you don't skip on your partner."*

IAB NOTE: Both Deputy Lested and Suspect Bullock are left-handed. Deputy Lested was wearing the standard holster attached to his "Sam Browne" belt at the waist.

INVOLVED DEPUTY WITNESS STATEMENT:

Deputy Alejandro Covian Jr., #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Investigators on November 9, 2010, at approximately 0240 Hours. A summary of their interview may be found on pages 43 and 44 of the Homicide Investigation Book, **Exhibit "A".** Internal Affairs investigators reviewed the audio recording of the interview and found that Homicide's summary of their interview is an accurate account of what was said. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Covian's recorded interview (Job #33068) and attached interview transcription **[Exhibit "K"]**.

Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Frederick Reynolds and Jeff Hamil conducted a Shooting Review interview on January 26, 2012, at approximately 1450 Hours. The following is a summary of the incident as described by Deputy Covian. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Covian's recorded interview (Job #33996).

Deputy Covian has been employed by the Department for approximately 12 years. He is currently assigned to Altadena Station patrol. He has been a patrol deputy since [redacted] Deputy Covian's recollection of the events that led him to initiate a traffic stop at [redacted] East New York Drive was similar to that of Deputy Lested. They were working unit 73E. The unit is responsible for the city of Altadena, and for the unincorporated areas of Pasadena. Deputy Covian and Deputy Lested had worked together on numerous prior occasions. They discussed tactics constantly. Just prior to this incident, they specifically discussed the importance of trying to remain calm while talking on the radio and coordinating units under duress. They also had many discussions involving deputy-involved shootings and the coordination of units, command posts, rally points when necessary, radio traffic, and who would be assigned specific radio duties.

Once the suspect vehicle stopped, Deputy Covian turned on all the patrol vehicle's lights because he has been trained that suspects shoot at the lights. Deputies Covian and Lested immediately exited their vehicle and detained the occupants of the suspect vehicle at gunpoint. Deputy Covian never considered getting on the radio to request additional units for back-up because, *"At that point, our main consideration, main focus of attention was those two in there. My opinion, I don't want to have one hand on the radio, another one on the steering wheel focusing on these guys as they're potentially trying to take cover. I've got to deal with that situation that's happening as it's happening at hand. Assess what's going on, radio comes after."*

When the driver's door of the suspect vehicle opened, the driver immediately stuck his hands out to show he was unarmed. Deputy Covian could not see the driver's body because it had been raining and there was condensation on the window. The driver was adamant about exiting the vehicle. Deputy Covian ordered him to keep his hands up and stay inside. At that point, the passenger's door swung violently open and Suspect Bullock got out and ran. Deputy Lested went in foot pursuit of the suspect. Deputy Covian did not know that Deputy Lested was going to chase Suspect Bullock.

Deputy Covian considered requesting a back-up unit at that point, but he was still trying to verbally control the driver. He was occupied to the point where it was not prudent to do so, because it would have taken his *"focus away from that situation."* Deputy Covian did not hear Deputy Lested on the radio after he went in foot pursuit. He was concerned for the safety of his partner and considered following him, but he could not because he did not want to get shot in the back.

Deputy Covian got on the radio and requested assistance when Deputy Lested went in foot pursuit. Shortly afterward, Deputy Covian heard a gunshot. He then gave an updated radio transmission regarding the fact that he lost sight of his partner and heard a gunshot.

> **IAB NOTE:** It took approximately 77 seconds from the initial broadcast by Deputy Covian until the second broadcast regarding the gunshot. Deputy Covian then tried to contact Deputy Lested on the radio. Approximately 33 seconds later, Deputy Lested advised dispatch that he was okay and had been involved in a shooting and the suspect was down **[Exhibit "L"].**

Deputy Covian was asked why he was able to put out radio traffic when his partner went in foot pursuit, but not when they were detaining a vehicle at gunpoint. He stated, *"It was seconds. Because we jump out of the vehicle, detain at gunpoint. I get out of the vehicle, detain at gunpoint. Immediately, the suspect vehicle door opens. Door opens, guy takes off running. I want to put it out but it's -- I have to make sure that that situation there -- my main priority is to make sure nobody's coming out with a handgun before I put it out on the radio. As far as I'm concerned, we have two deputies, we got it -- we have to make sure that we put it – we're in a position where it's safe to put out the radio traffic."*

Deputy Covian was asked if he ever considered going to look for Deputy Lested after hearing the gunshot. He stated, *"Trust me, I wanted to with all my heart but I -- I can't. I can't go past that guy. He wants to come out of the vehicle. The entire time that I*

was detaining him at gunpoint, I wouldn't say he was arguing with me, but he was chattering. The driver might be armed with a handgun or even an AK47, and come looking for me and my partner after I ran past the suspect vehicle." Deputy Covian was also concerned that the driver was going to drive off if he went to help his partner.

Deputy Covian was asked to explain the Department's policy and procedure in regard to foot pursuits. He replied, *"In regard to one-man foot pursuits. When you have partners, partners are to stay together."* Deputy Covian was asked if he would have done anything differently given the same scenario. He stated that he has played the scenario over in his head numerous times, and he cannot think of anything that he would have done differently. Deputy Covian believes that he acted appropriately, given the situation.

Deputy Covian stated that in a two-person unit, the passenger deputy is usually responsible for handling the radio. However, he and Deputy Lested have discussed tactics and this is their standard practice unless something "dynamic" happens at which time they will act accordingly. In the event of a felony traffic stop, the passenger deputy would handle the radio unless something prevents him from doing so. Whichever deputy has the better tactical advantage would handle the radio.

Deputy Covian stated that in this particular situation, he and Deputy Lested were both detaining at gunpoint. *"Both our hands were full, so to speak."* Either he or Deputy Lested could have handled the radio at that point. *"Yes, it's going to be the book man but he had his hands full with the passenger. I had mine full with the driver."*

SUSPECT STATEMENTS:

Suspect deceased.

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENTS:

[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Michael Rodriguez and Gary Sica. A summary of their interview may be found on pages 61 thru 63 of the Homicide Investigation Book, **Exhibit "A".** Internal Affairs Bureau investigators reviewed the tape recording of said interview and found that Homicide's summary of their interview is an accurate account of what was said.

Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Witness [redacted] recorded interview (Job #34283) and attached transcription **[Exhibit "M"].**

[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Ralph Hernandez and Kevin Lowe. A summary of their interview may be found on pages 48-thru 49 of the Homicide Investigation Book, **Exhibit "A."** Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators

reviewed the digital recording of said interview and found that Homicide's summary of their interview is an accurate account of what was said. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Witness [redacted] recorded interview (Job #33071) and attached interview transcription **[Exhibit "N"].**

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED:

Suspect deceased.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

None.

ADDITIONAL:

Two CD's are attached to this investigation, one contains all radio traffic related to this incident and the other contains the comprehensive Homicide investigation. They are listed as **[Exhibits "O" and "P"]**, respectively.